training of specialized technicians for meeting the increasing demand of industries. With this end in view, polytechnics have already been opened at eight different centres in the Province. Particulars regarding the courses of training at these polytechnics the strength in each course, etc., are put up in the statement* placed on the table of this House. A trades school is attached to the Polytechnic at Mangalore and industrial schools are attached to the other polytechnics except those at Coimbatore and Vuyyuru. Subjects such as Cabinet making, carpentry, general mechanics, book-binding and blacksmithy are taught in these industrial schools. These courses vary from two to three years, at the end of which a certificate is awarded to successful candidates. Boys of the VIII standard or III form are admitted.

"The Government of India have a scheme for the establishment of a Higher Technical Institute in the South. The Government of Madras have pressed on the Government of India the need to establish it in Madras Province. The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India."

Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao :—"May I know whether the Government have received a proposal, or whether they have themselves considered the question of starting training centres for preparing skilled textile workers in order to meet the demand which may arise in view of post-war development programme in the province?"

The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi :—"This suggestion was made some time back by a private person, I think; and that question was taken up by the South India Mill-owners' Association. They have submitted a scheme, and that is being examined by the Director of Industries; and after the examination is over, what should be the type of facility that must be given, whether it be in the existing textile institute or a separate institute should be started for it, will all be considered."

Central Co-operative Stores in Rayalaseema.

* 77 *Q.*—Sri B. Bhima Rao : With reference to the Central Co-operative Stores in the districts of Rayalaseema for each of the three years ending with 30th June 1945, 1946 and 1947, will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total quantity and value of purchases of goods of each variety;

(*b*) the total quantity and value of sales of goods of each variety;

(*c*) the extent and percentage of shortage of goods of each variety;

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(d) the profit accrued to the stores during each of the said years; and

(e) the same particulars with regard to—

(i) the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Stores; and

(ii) Nellore Co-operative Stores?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" A statement[a] showing the particulars required is placed on the table of the House."

NOTE.—The varieties of commodities in respect of which the Co-operative Wholesale Stores have furnished particulars mainly relate to foodgrains. Besides foodgrains, the stores deal in several other varieties of commodities which range from 30 to 40 or even more varieties. Articles for which the Co-operative Wholesale Stores are unable to furnish variety-war particulars have been classified under a consolidated head ' other articles '.

Bifurcated courses in secondary schools.

* 78 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the introduction of bifurcated courses in the secondary schools has been decided upon;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the names of schools chosen and the courses of studies proposed to be introduced in each school;

(c) whether the introduction of bifurcated courses is on a voluntary or compulsory basis;

(d) whether the Government are aware that the necessary equipment and the teaching personnel are not available;

(e) what steps the Government propose to take to secure the necessary equipment and the teaching personnel;

(f) whether it is the intention of the Government not to introduce bifurcated courses unless the necessary facilities exist; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House their full scheme for the introduction of bifurcated courses?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (a) Yes.

" (b) A list[b] showing the names of schools selected together with the course of studies to be introduced in each of those schools is laid on the table of the House.

" (c) It is on a voluntary basis.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 175–186 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 186–192 infra.